

On Saturday night there will be a ball given by the Caulkers' Union at the City Hall, St. Helens. A large crowd is expected, and a good time will be assured those that attend. Dancing until 1 A. M.

Gem Theatre

Friday, Jan. 25
Little Zoe Rae in the "Silent Lady"

Saturday, Jan. 26
Wm. Desmond in "The Iced Bullet"

Sunday, Jan. 27, "The Darkest Russia"
A Big World Brady Play

Monday, Jan. 28
Ann Pennington in "Rainbow Princess"

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Sessue Haykawa
in "The Soul of Kura San"

Wednesday, Jan. 30
Dorothy Dalton in "Chicken Casey"



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MIST MISTINGS

Mayor Ballagh motored to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. A. F. Barnett visited friends in Portland Saturday.

James Grant was a business visitor in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Allen spent Tuesday with friends in Portland.

Mrs. Ray Morton went to Portland Saturday on a shopping errand.

Miss Laura Stennick spent the week end with friends in Portland.

S. M. Miles was in Portland Wednesday transacting business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trow, of Rainier, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barnett.

Have you tried those nice chicken tamales which we serve or sell at retail? Mason's.

Don't forget to look up the income tax man. You will find him at the Columbia County Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stone, of Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Abry.

Guy Boyd, of St. Johns, was in St. Helens Saturday, closing up the final matters in the estate of his father.

Mark Reynolds, of Yankton, was a visitor of S. Rock Tuesday. He came in to hear the Canadian officers speak.

Jim Hill, recently appointed road supervisor in road district No. 8, was in St. Helens Monday calling on county officials.

Frank Enyart, of Deer Island, an employee of the Tide Creek Logging Company, was here Monday on a business mission.

A large number of people outside of St. Helens came to hear the Canadian officers. Scippoose, as usual, turned out in force.

Paul Morton, representing Mason, Ehrman & Co., of Portland, wholesale grocers, was in St. Helens Monday calling on the trade.

County Commissioner A. E. Harvey, of Clatskanie, was in St. Helens Tuesday night to hear the speeches of the Canadian officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warner visited with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kyle last week. Mr. Warner is in the radio service stationed at Seattle, and was on furlough.

D. Walter Williams, of Ilwaco, Wash., was in St. Helens Friday renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Williams was in business in St. Helens a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Hoffman have bought the Boyd ranch in the Yankton country. Mr. Hoffman has moved out to the place and is fixing it up as a real farm.

Jacob George was in Portland Monday and Tuesday, attending the Shrine convention and seeing a number of candidates cross the "hot sands of the desert."

E. S. Snelling spent the week end with his family in St. Helens, leaving Monday morning for Lincoln county, where he has several cases coming up at the next term of court.

The St. Helens basketball team went to Clatskanie Saturday night to play the Clatskanie city team, and met a decisive defeat, the score being Clatskanie 31, St. Helens 6.

Mrs. M. N. Bird and daughter, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, arrived in St. Helens Saturday night and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoskin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Van Orshoven, who have been in San Diego, Cal., since early in December, planned to leave that place yesterday on the steamer Beaver and are due to arrive in St. Helens next Wednesday.

Edward Espeneth, of Denbigh, N. D., says he has been cured of kidney trouble and severe backache by Dr. Mellenthin's treatment. Dr. Mellenthin & Co. will be in Kelso, Rockwell hotel, Tuesday, February 5. Hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Mrs. Reinhold Quast, of Forbes, N. D., says she feels very grateful to Dr. Mellenthin for curing her of gall stones without an operation. Dr. Mellenthin & Co. will be in Kelso, Rockwell hotel, Tuesday, February 5. Hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The St. Helens Croosoting Company has ordered a large quantity of croosoting oil from an eastern point. On account of the scarcity of tank cars, it will probably be 60 days before the shipment arrives. However, the company has a sufficient stock on hand to keep the plant operating until the additional supply is secured.

Commissioner Harvey came up from Clatskanie Tuesday night to hear the Canadian officers, and returned to the lower end of the county Wednesday morning, accompanied by the county judge. Commissioner Weed will meet the two county officials at Mist and together they will look over some proposed road work in that neighborhood.

The admission tax at the Gem theatre for the months of November and December amounted to \$164.64. In acknowledging receipt of this amount which the government adds to its war fund, Collector of Internal Revenue Milton Miller took occasion to thank the Gem for the slides they have been putting on relative to the income tax

and other matters relating to the war tax program.

Mrs. Geo. La Mont and daughter Ruth have returned from Walla Walla, where they visited for six weeks.

Mrs. Fred Lowe, of Falls City, Idaho, has been visiting friends in this city. She is the guest of Mrs. Ketel, of Houlton.

The circuit court has been in session the past week trying the case of Columbia Agricultural Co. vs. Parks, in a suit for equity on a contract. The jury has been called to report on January 30. The two criminal cases which were on the docket have been postponed till March.

The bridge across Beaver creek, some two miles from Ingalls, went out during the recent heavy rains. Commissioner Harvey has had a temporary bridge put in which he hopes will serve the public until about May or June, when a new concrete bridge on the Columbia Highway will be completed and the present Beaver road will be connected with the highway.

Mrs. Pringle has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, suffering from a general breakdown due to overwork and a severe cold. Mrs. Pringle has been a faithful worker in the Red Cross work since it has been organized, and in the last drive she secured 110 new members. She was also captain on Wednesday. She regrets very much that she will not be able to take up the work again for some time.

Contractor Spies, of Portland, arrived in St. Helens Monday and is now busy making preparations for the building of the new Rutherford theatre. Practically all of the tiling necessary for the building is now on the ground, and cement and sand are being hauled. The excavation work will be finished by the end of this week and then work will start on the building, which will be rushed to completion.

J. G. Hefty, who has been working for several weeks for the county surveying the Pittsburg road, left Saturday for his home in the Willamette valley. He has accepted a position with the government, and after reporting at Washington, D. C., for instructions, will be sent to the Canadian border. The United States and Canadian government are jointly relocating the boundary line and Mr. Hefty will be employed in this work.

A letter received from Col. J. S. Parke, who is now stationed at Storrs, Conn., says: "We are having the worst winter in the history of this part of the country; zero weather, snow, wind and rain. I cer-

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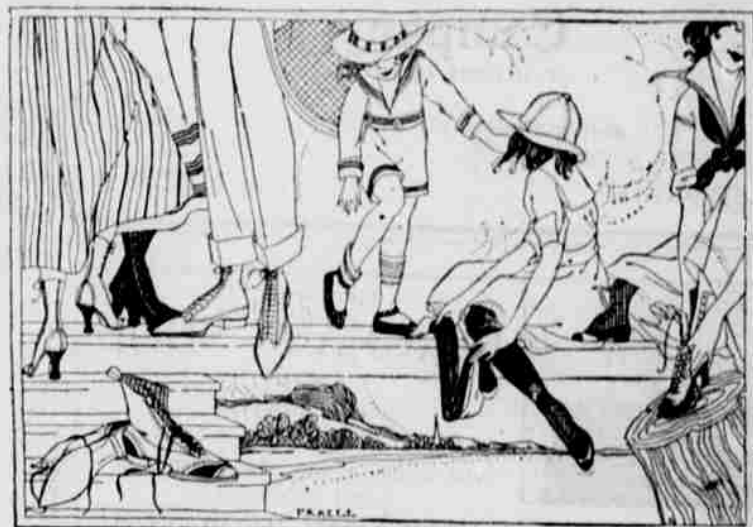
tainly would like to be back in good old Oregon, and nothing but my sense of duty and my obligation to serve Uncle Sam keeps me here. As soon as I can, I'm going back, and in the meantime I shall watch with interest the progress of St. Helens and will always be glad to do anything in my power to help it along. Kindly remember me to all of my St. Helens friends."

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